

# **CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2671 - SB 2820**

March 4, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a Class E felony offense for communicating a death threat concerning a school employee or student.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On February 23, 2008, we issued a corrected fiscal note indicating *an increase in state expenditures of \$13,800/Incarceration\**, *an increase in state expenditures of \$59,800 and an increase in federal expenditures of \$37,400.* Based on additional information, the fiscal impact of this bill is as follows:

#### **(CORRECTED)**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - \$13,800/Incarceration\***

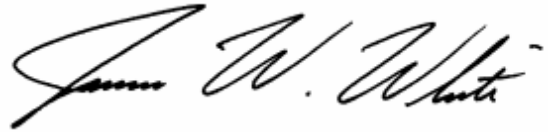
##### Assumptions:

- Two offenders per year will serve 0.3 years (109.58 days) for the offense of communicating a death threat concerning a school employee or student. According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2008 is \$62.78. The cost per inmate at 0.3 years is \$6,879.43 (\$62.78 x 109.58 days). The total additional cost for two offenders is \$13,758.86 (\$6,879.43 x 2).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.
- Currently, a juvenile who threatens a school employee or another student with a deadly weapon or firearm would be charged with aggravated assault. This bill will not require juveniles to spend an additional time in state custody.

\*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: *For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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